



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

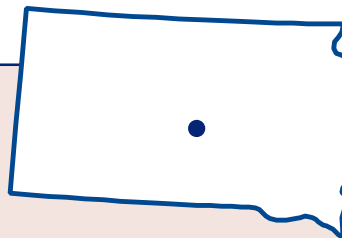
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule Indian Reservation, SD

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe was selected to receive an assessment grant. The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe is a federally recognized tribe. The unemployment rate among the 1,503 residents of the Lower Brule Reservation is 39 percent. Nearly 64 percent of the population have annual incomes under \$25,000, and more than 32 percent earn less than \$10,000 annually. The three former dump sites targeted for assessment are within one-half mile of the Missouri River, which is a major source of drinking water and fish for residents of the Reservation. The tribe is concerned about the potential threat that contamination at these sites could pose to the health and well-being of Reservation residents.



Assessment Grant

**New
2003**

\$100,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe for a brownfields assessment grant. The tribe has identified three former dump sites on the Lower Brule Reservation that will be assessed through this grant.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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http://www.epa.gov/region08/land_waste/bfhome/bfhome.html

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe has not received brownfields grant funding.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.